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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 8, 2008 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is filed in response to an Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 8, 2008 Office Action was due February 8, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a five-month extension of time for a small entity is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,115.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a five-month extension of time a response is now due July 8, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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